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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,452,407
AB United States Patent No. 4,879,652
AT U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0164061
AU "Volume Rendering," Drebin et al, Computer Graphics, Vol. 22, No. 4, August 1988, pages 65-74.
AV "Dynamic Programming and Stochastic Control Processes," Bellman, Information and Control, Vol. 1, (1958), pages 228-239.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AB and AT were identified and discussed at page 3 of the present application, Reference AU was cited at page 5, and Reference AV was cited at page 10. Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

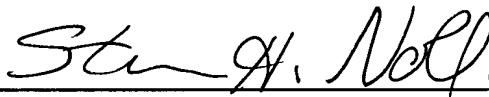
References AA, AB and AT also were cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

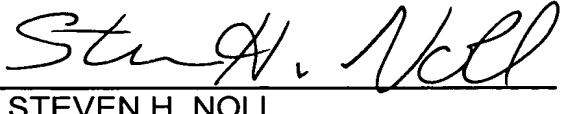
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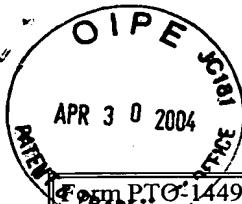
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